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Brief to the 1959 Royal Commission on Coal
From the U.M.W. Locals in Pictou County, N. S.

Coal has been and should continue to be the county's basic fuel and principle source of energy.

During World War 11, coal was declared a national emergency and miners frozen to their jobs. In the event of another conflict coal would again become part of our national defense.

For this reason every mine that is operating should be maintained and new ones developed. Coal mining, unlike other industries cannot be abandoned and reclaimed in the event of an emergency.

Higher tarriffs should be placed on foreign fuels, especially cheap residual oil coming in from Venezuela and other parts of South America, displacing markets for Canadian coal.

More electric power should be produced by coal, especially in Eastern Canada in order to attract secondary industry and thus further the use for coal.

An extensive study should be made into other uses of coal, such as experimental plants built near coal areas to extract the by-product of coal.

A survey should be taken to determine the rates charged by subsidiary supplies to the mines, such as steel and other plants controlled by Dominion Steel and Coal Company.

Dosco should be asked to streamline their sales departments and instead of independent agents handling coal in the various areas, Dosco would maintain the service themselves at a lower rate to the consumers.

Coal should be sold on a budget basis, so that homeowners could spread their fuel costs over a period of months.

Immediately a mine should be opened in the Pictou County area in order to provide domestic users with ample supplies, and thus prevent the change to oil.

Coal burning central heating plants should be encouraged in all housing projects.

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REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the Republic of the United States is a story of the growth of a great nation from a small colony of English settlers. The first settlers came to the New World in 1607, and by 1776, the thirteen original colonies had declared their independence from Great Britain. The new nation was born, and it was the beginning of a long and glorious history. The United States has since grown to become one of the most powerful and influential nations in the world. It has played a leading role in the development of the world, and it has been a source of inspiration and hope for people everywhere. The history of the United States is a story of the triumph of the human spirit, and it is a story that we can all be proud of.

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The Federal Government in this session should enact a National Fuel Policy to protect our industry.

Economically and socially, where mining has ceased operations, a town becomes a depressed area, causing hardship on citizens who must maintain homes, schools, churches and the town, and leaving many miners in the age groups of 40 - 65 jobless and hopeless.

Areas such as Stellarton, Westville and Springhill are found in this situation at the present time.

The government of the country should see that industries be established in these areas, and in the future have new industries established before any closure of our mines.

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